

UTAH MILITIA MAKES RECORD

**Soldiers in Maneuvers at Heber
Win High Praise From
Officers.**

**PROPOSE TO MAKE CAMP
PERMANENT, IF POSSIBLE**

**Pronounce Site Ideal for Military
Evolution; Wireless
Plays Prominent Part.**

That the camp of instruction of the National Guard just closed was the best ever undertaken by Utah's citizen soldiery is the opinion which is generally expressed by all who had to do with it. The morale of the companies was up to the highest standard, the drills showed a high quality of excellence and the discipline, rigid at times, as was necessary, was markedly good throughout the ten days.

The boys conducted themselves during their few hours of leisure in such gentlemanly fashion that the good people of Heber will be glad to see them again. On the other hand, the surroundings were of such an ideal nature and the treatment received at the hands of the people of Wasatch of such a quality that the members of the guard would like to see carried out the movement now on foot to make the camp a permanent one.

The question of a permanent camp is one that has long occupied the minds of Adjutant General Wedgwood and other officers of the guard. Such a camp would greatly save expense and buildings of a more permanent and more useful type could then be erected. If certain conditions which are insisted upon by the adjutant general are carried out it is extremely probable that the camp of this year or ground somewhere near by will be chosen for the annual instruction camp of each year.

Officers Are Pleased.

The grounds on which the camp was located this year were well watered, large enough for a brigade to execute any maneuvers required and admirably adapted for the purpose. That the spot is a healthful one is shown by the entire absence of sickness among the guardsmen during the whole of the eight days in camp.

Since the return of the troops General Wedgwood has taken occasion several times to express himself as delighted with the results accomplished during the camp. The willingness of the men, the discipline, the fact that it was not necessary to place a single member in the guard house and that there was not a defaulter at any time, make it a remarkable camp.

The battery under Captain Webb returned Saturday, having stopped for target practice. This done, the march was accomplished without mishap. The signal corps arrived Thursday, after a splendid march, also without the slightest untoward incident.

Captain E. Le Roy Bourne, in command of the signal corps, has reason to be proud of the record made by the men under him. The corps never did better work in any year. The new apparatus, for which Captain Bourne is responsible, having made the improvements himself, worked admirably, and wireless messages received in quick time were one of the

Grounds Are Ideal.

Attached to the camp as instructors were four officers of the regular army. These were Captain H. M. Powell of the infantry, Captain McCurtis of the artillery, Captain Applewhite of the signal corps and Lieutenant Holland of the Fifteenth now at Fort Douglas in the hospital corps. All these expressed themselves as highly pleased with the manner in which the Utah boys performed their work and with their soldierly bearing at all times. These officers were each and everyone popular with the men and their help, always readily given, was of inestimable value to the guard.

The commissary department was under Col. H. M. Lund and Lieutenant Wesley B. King was quartermaster. Both returned from the camp extremely popular with the members of the corps, a circumstance that argues that there was no fault with this particular branch.

The wonderful success of the camp of instruction this year should be the means of giving an impetus to the work of the National Guard that should mean much for it. The personnel of the guard has improved with each year and will doubtless continue to do so, though it is difficult to point out in its present standing where any improvement could be expected.